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24 May 1961

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Honorable J. W. Fulbright  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

This is in response to your letter of May 11, 1961 asking for the comments of the Central Intelligence Agency on Senate Joint Resolution 77, "To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence."

As I stated in a recent appearance before your Committee, I believe that the method through which the Congress informs itself on the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency and the other foreign intelligence agencies of the Government is a matter for the Congress to determine. This is, of course, subject to the general considerations which govern the relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government.

In considering this matter there are one or two factors which I believe are worthy of note.

At the present time there are established Central Intelligence Agency Subcommittees of the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees of both Houses. We report to these committees in accordance with their requests and provide them with whatever material they wish.

committees of the Congress, your Committee being one example, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy being another. Further, we are in continual receipt of a large number of inquiries on a great variety of matters from the various members of the Congress, which we always endeavor to answer as frankly as possible.

The Committee should be aware of the fact that I have a dual function. As the Director of Central Intelligence I have the duty, subject to the National Security Council, to carry out the Agency's responsibility to coordinate the foreign intelligence activities of the several intelligence organizations of the Government and am Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board. As Director of the Central Intelligence Agency I have responsibility for the work of that Agency. In both of these capacities I now report to the Armed Services Sub-committees mentioned above. Since the intelligence organizations referred to above, except for this Agency, are integral parts of departments or agencies responsible to different committees of the Congress, there is an obvious jurisdictional problem to be resolved.

The proposed Joint Resolution contemplates a committee for both Foreign Information and Foreign Intelligence activities. The informational aspects of this resolution are not within my field of competence or responsibility. However, I would question the

the present time they are being handled by different committees of the Congress. Furthermore, foreign informational activities are overt. The intelligence activities to which the proposed Joint Committee would probably direct its chief attention are largely of a secret character, are only indirectly related to the foreign informational activities of Government and would require the highest degree of security handling.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

64-4042

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May 11, 1961

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution 77, "To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence," which was introduced by Senator McCarthy (for himself and others) on April 27, 1961.

The Committee would appreciate having the comments of the Central Intelligence Agency on this joint resolution.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. W. Fulbright  
Chairman

Enclosure

87th CONGRESS  
1st Session

## S. J. RES. 77

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 1961

Mr. McCARTHY (for himself, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. MORSE, Mr. CLARK, Mr. MEECALE, Mr. BUEDECK, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. McNAMARA, Mr. HUMPHREY, Mr. CARROLL, Mr. LONG of Missouri, Mr. MOSS, Mr. McGEE, Mr. TALMADGE, Mr. HICKEY, Mr. CASE of South Dakota, Mr. PELL, Mr. PROUTY, Mr. YOUNG of Ohio, Mr. HART, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional
- 4 committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign
- 5 Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint res-
- 6 olution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven
- 7 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the

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1 Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representative-  
3 In each instance not more than four members shall be ap-  
4 pointed from the same political party.

5 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
6 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
7 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be  
8 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
9 selection.

10 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and  
11 a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of  
12 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place  
13 and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman.  
14 The chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and  
15 the House of Representatives with each Congress, and the  
16 chairman shall be selected by the members of the joint  
17 committee from the House entitled to the chairmanship.  
18 The vice chairman shall be selected in the same manner as  
19 the chairman, except that the vice chairman shall be selected  
20 by the members of the joint committee from the House not  
21 entitled to the chairmanship.

22 (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-  
23 pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-  
24 cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and  
25 advisable.

1 (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the  
2 services, information, facilities, and personnel of the execu-  
3 tive departments and establishments of the United States.

4 (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-  
5 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance  
6 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the  
7 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense  
8 information.

9 (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record  
10 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on  
11 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All  
12 committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the prop-  
13 erty of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of  
14 the joint committee, or such other places as the joint com-  
15 mittee may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint  
16 committee shall determine to be in the interest of national  
17 security.

18 (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-  
19 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable,  
20 but no measure or recommendation shall be reported from  
21 the joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof  
22 assent.

23 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
24 studies of—

1           (1) the activities of each information and intelli-  
2           gence agency of the United States.

3           (2) the problems relating to the foreign informa-  
4           tion and intelligence programs, and

5           (3) the problems relating to the gathering of in-  
6           formation and intelligence affecting the national  
7           security, and its coordination and utilization among  
8           various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of  
9           the United States.

10          (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the  
11       United States shall give to the joint committee such in-  
12       formation regarding its activities as the committee may  
13       require.

14          (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "in-  
15       formation and intelligence agency of the United States"  
16       means the United States Information Agency, the Central  
17       Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any of the execu-  
18       tive departments or agencies of the United States conduct-  
19       ing foreign information or intelligence activities (including  
20       any unit within the Departments of State, Defense, Army,  
21       Navy, and Air Force, but not including the domestic opera-  
22       tion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

23       SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the  
24       Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to  
25       any information and intelligence agency of the United States



1 or its activities shall be referred to the joint committee. The  
2 members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
3 Senate shall, from time to time, report to the Senate, and  
4 the members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
5 House of Representatives shall, from time to time, report to  
6 the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with  
7 respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective  
8 Houses which are—

9 (1) referred to the joint committee, or  
10 (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint  
11 committee.

12 (b) In carrying out its duties under this joint resolu-  
13 tion, the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcom-  
14 mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit  
15 and act at such times and places, to require, by subpoena  
16 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-  
17 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
18 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such print-  
19 ing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems  
20 advisable. Subpenas may be issued over the signature of  
21 the chairman of the joint committee, or by any member  
22 designated by him, or by the joint committee, and may be  
23 served by any person designated by such chairman or  
24 member.

25 SEC. 4. The expenses of the joint committee shall be

1 paid from the contingent fund of the Senate from funds ap-  
2 propriated for the joint committee upon vouchers approved  
3 by the chairman. The cost of stenographic services in re-  
4 porting such hearings as the joint committee may hold shall  
5 be paid in accordance with the established rules of the Sen-  
6 ate. Members of the joint committee, and its employees and  
7 consultants, while traveling on official business for the  
8 committee, may receive either the per diem allowance  
9 authorized to be paid to Members of Congress or its employees,  
10 or their actual and necessary expenses if an itemized state-  
11 ment of such expenses is attached to the voucher.

87TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## S. J. RES. 77

### JOINT RESOLUTION

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By Mr. McCARTHY, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. MORSE,  
Mr. CLARK, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BURDICK, Mr.  
BARTLETT, Mr. McNAMARA, Mr. HUMPHREY,  
Mr. CARROLL, Mr. LONG of Missouri, Mr.  
MONS, Mr. MCGEE, Mr. TALMADGE, Mr.  
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HART, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey

APRIL 27, 1961

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Remarks:			
<div>asked that a copy of this draft reply to Senator Fulbright together with copy of his letter and the Joint Resolution, be forwarded to you. The original of the draft and the incoming from Fulbright had been forwarded to the IG.</div>			
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<b>Remarks:</b>			
<p>Attached is the latest draft of the reply to Senator Fulbright for coordination with the White House and Bureau of the Budget, per discussion in Deputies' Meeting 25 May.</p> <p>Copies have been sent to DD/P and DD/I together with copies of Senator Fulbright's letter and the proposed Joint Resolution.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">[ ]</div> <p><i>Basis attached 12</i></p>			
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